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1. IN APRIL 3 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT TOLBERT INFORMED US HE WILL ATTEND SPECIAL UNGA SESSION. HE DEPARTS SUNDAY, APRIL 7, IN HIS PRIVATE AIRCRAFT, OVERNIGHTING IN LONDON AND ARRIVING NEW YORK MONDAY, APRIL 8. HE PLANS DEPART NEW YORK ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12. TOLBERT LETTER STATES INTER ALIA QTE I SHALL ACCORDINGLY BE PLEASED WERE YOU TO INFORM MY GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND PRESIDENT NIXON, EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT NOT BE CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO RECEIVE ME DURING MY BRIEF VISIT UNQTE. WE INTERPRET THIS STATEMENT AS FISHING FOR AN INVITATION TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. WE DO NOT PREPOSE TO DO OR SAY ANYTHING WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE TOLBERT TO EXPECT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. IF ASKED, WE WILL TELL TOLBERT SUBSTANCE HIS LETTER HAS BEEN PASSED TO DEPARTMENT. AMBASSADOR DOES NOT PLAN TO RESPOND TO LETTER UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. NEVERTHELESS, WE EXPECT THAT UPON ARRIVAL NEW YORK, TOLBERT OR BROTHER STEVE WILL PRESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL MEETING.

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2. EMBASSY ADVISED BY ASSISTANT MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS PADMORE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY TRAVELLING IN HIS GRUMMAN GULF STREAM 2, CALL SIGN ELWRT, WILL CONSIST OF FOLLOWING: PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, FOREIGN MINISTER CECIL DENNIS, FINANCE MINISTER STEPHEN TOLBERT, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS BURLEIGH HOLDER, PERSONAL PHYSICIAN NEBEMIAH COOPER, AND MILITARY AIDE BRIG. GEN. THOMAS SACKIE.

3. ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVING VIA COMMERCIAL AIR WILL INCLUDE:

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY HENRY COLE AND ASSISTANT MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS GERALD PADMORE.

4. DURING CONVERSATION TODAY, COLE TOLD EMBOFF TOLBERT DEFINITELY INSCRIBED TO SPEAK WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10. ALTHOUGH PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR HIM TO RETURN APRIL 12, IN COLE'S WORDS, QTE YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHO MIGHT TELEPHONE TO THE PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK UNQTE. COLE ALSO MURMURED SOMETHING ABOUT FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON. THIS OBVIOUS HINT ON HIS PART WAS NOT RESPONDED TO; BUT IT ADDS TO OUR IMPRESSION TOLBERT MAY WANT VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE.

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